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Attorney's Docket No. 000400-819

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
Shigeru HAYAKAWA et al.) Group Art Unit: 3677
Application No.: 09/809,068) Examiner: Thomas Ho
Filed: March 16, 2001) Confirmation No.: 4710
For: DOOR LOCK SYSTEM FOR VEHICLE)

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is _____.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$370.00 (2801) ☐ \$740.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted _____, on _____, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

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	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	20	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0.00
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (1201) =	0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					0.00
Total Amendment Fee					0.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					0.00

☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

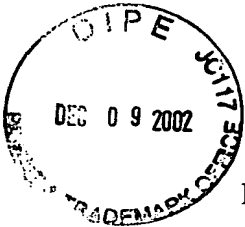
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 11, 2002, kindly amend the application identified above in the following manner.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel Claim 16 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Kindly replace Claims 1, 4, 7-9 and 18 as follows.

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1. (Amended) A door lock system for a vehicle comprising:
- a latch mechanism adapted to a vehicle door and latching the vehicle door to a vehicle body;
 - an open link engagable and disengagable with the latch mechanism;
 - a swing lever connected to the open link;

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